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SUBJECT: PRECLEARANCE

1. DELEGATIONS FROM U.S. AND CANADA MET IN VANCOUVER
JUNE 19 TO DISCUSS PRECLEARANCE AT VANCOUVER AND
VICTORIA. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE U.S. WOULD EXTEND
PRECLEARANCE BY SEPT 15 TO ALL WESTERN, UNITED, CANADIAN
PACIFIC AND PACIFIC WESTERN FLIGHTS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED,
PROVIDED THAT THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS OUTSIDE THE NORTHEAST
FINGER (REQUIRING EXTRA U.S. IMMIGRATION STAFFING)
WAS LIMITED TO 12 PER WEEK AND THAT THE NORTHEAST
FINGER CORRIDOR IS PHYSICALLY DIVIDED TO MAINTAIN
THE STERILITY OF PRECLEASED PASSENGERS.

2. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION PROMISED COMPLETION OF
PERMANENT PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES BY MAY 1977
AT WHICH TIME BOTH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS WILL BE
CONDUCTED ON A ONE STOP BASIS.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO A CANADIAN REQUEST FOR EARLY OPENING
OF PRECLEARANCE AT VICTORIA, THE U.S. DELEGATION
POINTED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF EFFICIENTLY OPERATING
A PRECLEARANCE FACILITY WITH ONLY THREE FLIGHTS A
DAY. HOWEVER, IT AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER

WHEN TRAFFIC AT VICTORIA INCREASES.

4. COPIES OF MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION POUCHED OTTAWA
AND VANCOUVER. INGERSOLL

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